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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: President's Message

Dear Members,

Although it is only April, October is not far around the corner. I would like to share a few thoughts with you about our 1987 Coin Show and Exposition. The dates are little later than our usual September time, October 1 through 4. This was done to conform with the Cathedral Hill's schedule and also to avoid conflicts with other major coin shows.

Last year, NCNA attempted a major expansion of its Bourse from 78 to 147 tables by using both the Mezzanine Lobby and the El Dorado Room within the Hotel. The El Dorado Room was a loser because people were not accustomed to going into the Room, being somewhat remote. This year there will be no Bourse tables in that Room. There will be 106 tables, 78 being the long used and well-known Grand Ballroom and 28 on the Mezzanine Lobby. We will make every effort to accommodate dealers who prefer one location over another, and needless to say, so state and inform us in advance on their Bourse Applications. Again, preference will be given to those who state a choice and obviously to the earliest Applications received. The earlier received the better the chance that a coin dealer will get the preference he or she wants.

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce to NCNAers two new members of the executive officers, Ron Miller and Robert Mish. Ron Miller is no stranger to any northern California coin hobbyist. He is a founder of the Fremont Coin Club and has served it in various offices plus served as Bourse Coordinator for the San Jose Coin Club's annual January Coin Show. He regularly attends over forty-one coin shows each year through the United States in addition to operating an active business enterprise known as the Fremont Coin Gallery. Robert Mish, owner of Mish International Monetary Fund in Menlo Park, has been a member of NCNA for over ten years. As our newly elected Secretary, he becomes the newest addition to the executive officers.

I also wish to thank Brian Kestner, our retiring Secretary, for his years of service to NCNA.

One of our positive responses from the 1986 Coin Show and Exposition was the quality of service received from our security, Co-Operative Security. The same company will contracted for our 1987 Coin Show and Exposition. Yes, we will definitely have the dogs on patrol.

Another positive response was our Anniversary Banquet. This was intended to be a one-time affair, celebrating our Silver Jubilee 25th Anniversary. But since it was so successful, we decided to hold an Annual Dinner on the Saturday night of our 1987 Coin Show and Exposition. The Dinner will not conflict with the Bourse nor the Sixth NCNA Auction. For Dinner details, contact: "Constance Perham, NCNA First Vice-President, PO Box One, New Almaden, California, 95042."

Very Truly Yours,

Denis N. Hooker
President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends,

As this Issue is the Sixth Anniversary of NCNA Heads and Tales, it makes for a good occasion to critically present, in open candor, some major concerns facing equally both the Northern California Numismatic Association (NCNA) and this periodical.

When NCNA Heads and Tales began, several idealistic objectives were pronounced; all long ago were forged anew on the anvil of reality. NCNA Heads and Tales regretfully has been unable to reverse nor correct three concerns.

First is the stagnation of membership. In six years, as based upon mailing figures to both Individual and Club Members, NCNA total membership has remain basically the same, and for a nationally known regional organization, it has been a poor average of 125 Individual Members and 25 Coin Club Members or so. The irony is that there are several local coin clubs within northern California with equal or even larger membership.

Second is the large turnover in membership. In the past six years, Individuals have jointed, over hundred or more; but equally, Individuals have failed to renew or continue their memberships. The stagnation in total membership confirms this statistic.

Third is the declining attendance by Coin Club Delegates at the quarterly Board of Directors Meetings. In fact, there is a serious danger that a future Board Meeting may lack a quorum. Your Editor's first Board Meeting had twenty or more in attendance representing several coin clubs. The last Board Meeting in February had only eight present, five being the executive officers.

The Northern California Numismatic Association, which has the strong positive advantages of a sound treasury and first-class coin show and exposition, is crippled and retarded by repeatedly such poor membership base and participation.

The reasons for these conditions are extensive and hotly debated. One candid fact, openly admitted to, is that NCNA Heads and Tales and Your Editor have been unable to reverse these conditions nor to regenerate interest. Effort has been made, but to no success.

What can be done? What should be tired? What needs to be addressed? These are questions. This organization faces some major problems and the distinct possibility of becoming just a small group of die-hards operating with no benefit to anyone nor the coin hobby a national four day coin show and exposition.

The remaining question is: Does our hobby in northern California deserve such or is it just inevitable and causally accepted? This can be answer only by the reader.

Numismatically Yours,

Michael S. Turrini
Editor

BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Livermore Valley Coin Club
Bakersfield Coin Club
Reno Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club
Redwood Empire Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Fremont Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
Fresno Numismatic Society
Peninsula Coin Club
Delta Coin Club
Gateway Coin Club
Diablo Numismatic Society
San Francisco Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society

Livermore Valley Coin Club Writes that at its recent March 1, 1987 24th Annual Coin Show the centerpiece exhibit was by MICHAEL FUERTAS with an award winning display of Spanish Civil War Monies. FUERTAS was also a major award winner at the January San Jose Coin Club Coin Show and Forum. The LVCC meets in the Meeting Room of the Livermore Public Library on the Second Tuesday at 7:30pm.

Bakersfield Coin Club Writes that this year is its 30th Anniversary, 1957-1987. The BCC has recently relocated its meetings to the YMCA, 17th and M Streets, Bakersfield, from 7:00pm to 9:00pm, on the Second Monday of each month.

Reno Coin Club Elected its 1987 officers: DAVE ANDREWS, President; CHET EGAN, Vice-President; JUNE BLACK, Secretary, and ED HOFFMAN, Treasurer. The February 3rd and March 3rd meeting programs was a video presentation of Eva Adams' Talk at the 1986 RCC Reno Coin Show. ROGER GARDNER was responsible for this program. Renowned paper money collector, DOUGLAS MCDONALD also at the March meeting talked on 'Fractional Currency'.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Reports that its recently established Numismatic Study Group (NSG) has held its Fifth Meeting. Each meeting, an informal gathering, is dedicated to some theme or particular coinage with all those attending sharing their coins and knowledge in a group effort to increase each's "numismatic awareness". SVCC Newsletter Editor John Gomer expresses the SVCC new NSG program as "an exhilarating brotherhood of learning". The 1987 SVCC officers are" CHARLES 'BEN' GAY, President; JOHN GOMER, Vice-President; WILLIAM FREEMAN, Secretary, JOHN GOMER, Corresponding Secretary, and ARTHUR SHATTUCK, Treasurer. President BEN GAY summarized in the February 1987 issue of the SVCC Newsletter that 1986 was an outstanding year for the Coin Club:

new meeting location, increased meeting prizes and drawings, excellent programs, two successful coin shows, one with record attendance, library listing published, advent of the SVCC Newsletter, and the beginnings of the NSG. The February 25th meeting had new SVCC member MADERA DE LA SECOYA present an informative talk on Jewish Coinage; it was reported that "his fine presentation elicited spirited discussion and participation by the audience".

Redwood Empire Coin Club Announces its 1987 Coin Show will be on November 22nd at the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium in Santa Rosa. Coin Show personnel volunteering to date are: LORENE FARNSWORTH, Publicity; BILL FEIST, Bourse; HORACE MOORE, Exhibits; ROY ROBERTS, Drawing, and HELEN ROBERTS, Refreshments. The design for the RECC's second medallion will be in honor of the Golden Gate Bridge, which is fifty years old this year.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Heard CAROL FIESE, "Counterfeits of Machin's Mills", 850th Meeting, January 28th; HERB MILES, "Jefferson Nickels", February 25th, and KEN BARR, "Souvenir Cards", March 25th. PCNS is the Host Coin Club for the 80th CSNA Semi-Annual Convention; its President DAVID CIENIEWICZ is also the Convention's General Chairman. PCNS Journal Editor DAVID LANGE has requested PCNS members, many who are just corresponding or live a distance away from San Francisco, to consider presenting a program or talk at a future PCNS meeting. Contact him at: "PO Box 3497, San Francisco, CA, 94119".

Fremont Coin Club Had DR. ROBERT FISHER of the Mission Peak Heritage Foundation presenting a slide show on local Fremont history and past at its January 27th meeting. Attorney LOWELL JOHNSON spoke on Estates and Collectables at the February 10th meeting. Nationally known DR. GEORGE FULD spoke on Early Washington Medals and Tokens at the February 24th meeting. March 10th and 24th meetings speakers were Insurance Agent CY NAJJAR on Insurance and Collectables and DON BARSSI on Silver Rounds. The quality and level of topics of these speakers clearly demonstrate that the FCC has an outstanding and numismatic-oriented cycle of programs, one of the best in this state.

Cupertino Coin Club Clearly promotes and organizes the best junior or youth coin hobbyist program in this state. Your Editor cannot in this column do justice or adequately explain; just write to the CCC requesting information. Show 'n Tell response is another positive feature of this coin club; many members, including juniors, contribute each month. The February 4th meeting speaker was FRANK NIELSEN on European Coins. Exhibit winners at the recent February Coin Show were: Best of Show, AL LO, 'Rulers of Hawaii'; First Adult, KEN BARR, "Love Tokens"; Second Adult, MICHAEL FUERTAS, "The Spanish Civil War Provincial Coinage"; Third Adult, GLEN JACOBS, "Canada Centennial--Coins--Currency--Medallions"; First Youth, KELLY CAROLAN, "Susan B. Anthony"; Second Youth, BRYAN LO, "Animals on Coins", and Third Youth, SUZANNE LO "Statue of Liberty Coins". Other exhibitors were:

GARY ACQUISTAPACE, MICHAEL BAER, TOMMY CAROLAN, AL HALL, JENNIFER JOHNSON, RONDA JOHNSON, and TOM LAMBERT.

Fresno Numismatic Society Writes that is 1987 officers were installed at the Annual Installation Banquet last January 13th: ANDY KOSIERIES; BILLY FEBUARY, Vice-President; PHILLIP PLETTNER, Treasurer, and RUTH PHILLIPS, Secretary. The February 10th meeting program had an interesting idea: all members were asked to do Show 'n Tell on Lincoln or Washington, February's boys of the month. March 10th meeting program was a video on Coin Identification. Fresno Numismatist Editor JOHN PETERS continues his provocative Editorials: "How would you like to see our club's name every week in the Coin Show Directory of Numismatic News? There is a 'trick' that can be used and it's not becoming listed as a commercial show, a regional show, a state show, or a national show. Being listed every week doesn't get us more members to our meetings; WE get more members to our meetings. Being listed every week doesn't increase our membership; WE increase our membership. Being listed every week doesn't increase the number of people that come to our annual coin show; WE increase our attendance. WE are the key to the future of the our coin club and our hobby not some 'trick'. Support our coin club by bringing in new members. Support our coin club by attending the monthly meetings. Support our coin club when asked to be part of the program. Remember--WE ARE THE FUTURE, SO LET'S START GIVING, besides 'tricks are for kids'." Very True and Candidly Stated.

Peninsula Coin Club Has sent only two issues of its newsletter or has Your Editor misplaced March's issue? The meeting themes have been: January 12th, Commemorative Coins; February 9th, Coins of Chad (Now, Your Editor would like to know is there anyone who collects, actively that is, Chad coinage?), and March 9th, Gold. (Now, there is something that everyone collects, even Your Editor who attended this meeting displaying examples of his old Gold Bonds.)

Delta Coin Club Had a nice twist to its attendance drawings: a free, Club paid, book of coin show raffle tickets for a neighbor coin club, the Vallejo Coin Club's Gold Coin Drawing, won by OTTO LINDSKOG. DAVID LANGE, at the March 13th meeting presented his slide illustrated program on United States Philippine Coinage. October 17th and 18th will be the dates of DCC's 1987 Coin Show which will have a fifteen prized gold raffle. DCC's Newsletter Editor and booster SYD KASS requested in the February Issue of his Newsletter if it is okay to Your Editor of this publication; Yes, it is. Now, would you answer your Trivia Question from the March Newsletter: "What form of altered coin is known as a 'Texas Coin'?" Prompt answer in next Newsletter is requested.

Gateway Coin Club Is again printing an informative newsletter. January 15th meeting was Bingo. February 5th meeting show DOODLES WILSON talking on Treasure Hunting which included a demonstration of Metal Detectors. February 19th had a Trivia Question Contest. The March 15th and 19th meeting had respectfully Show 'n Tell and Video on Coin Grading. The current unnamed Acting Editor is

is doing a fine job and is commended for his or her effort.

Diablo Numismatic Society Elected its 1987 officers: KARL MANTHEI, President; NORTON GLOSSMAN, Vice-President; HAROLD ZACHARIN, Treasurer, and ROSEMARY HURYCH, Secretary. The DNS has moved its meeting location, literally across the street, to Home Federal Savings, Community Room, 1938 Tice Valley Blvd., Concord.

San Francisco Coin Club Elected its 1987 officers: HANS HANSSON, President; STEVEL SEELIG, Vice-President; MIKE STANLEY, Treasurer, and MONA VERZE, Secretary. Noted local numismatic scholar and coin dealer, STEPHEN HUSTON spoke on 'Beginnings of Coinage' at the February 24th meeting. GARY HOLLOWAY, popular SFCC speaker and world traveler, presented a slide travel-log on Italy at the January 27th meeting. JOE WARGO, another regular SFCC speaker, talked on 'Where Is the Hobby Going?' at the March 24th meeting. The SFCC Coin Fair has been postponed until later in this year, September tentatively. It was reported in the January Two Cents Worth, SFCC's monthly newsletter, that "Loser's Raffle was won by MIKE (STAN) TURRINI. This may be a historical moment--TURRINI winning a Loser's Raffle. You heard it First HERE!"

Fairfield Coin Club Elected its 1987 officers: JOE SIROIS, President; STAN TURRINI, Vice-President; JAN HENKE, Secretary, and FLOYD HICKS, Treasurer. February 25th meeting had FCC Vice-President STAN TURRINI showing his slides taken at the October 29, 1986 Silver One Dollar American Eagle First Striking Ceremony, and March 25th meeting had Bingo. As noted in the January Issue of FCC's newsletter, the FCC, although far from rich and not a large membership, has at its meetings outstanding high quality raffles. The December Social was 'Proof Nite' with \$300.00 plus value in prizes. The upcomming Annual May Pot-Luck will be a 'Franklin Half Bonanza' with \$250.00 plus in fifteen proof and uncirculated Franklin Halves, including earlier dates. Each meeting raffle for January through April has had over \$150.00 value in prizes. All prizes bought in advance and paid for from raffle receipts, not a penny of coin club funds spent. FCC members generously support their raffles and win top prizes in return.

Vallejo Numismatic Society Had STAN TURRINI show his slides of the October 29, 1986 Silver One Dollar American Eagle First Striking Ceremony at the January 7th meeting. The February 4th meeting had HANS HANSSON speaking on Swedish Coinage. The March 1st meeting had Show 'n Tell of My Favorite Coin with everyone in attendance participating. Credit for this excellent response goes to VNS President DR. HOWARD LONSDALE who called upon each person; no excuses accepted, just talk about your favorite coin.

Oops! Forgot To List Napa Valley. Sorry NVCC.

Napa Valley Coin Club Witness one person win seven prizes out of fourteen total in the January 21st meeting raffle. Who was it? Lucky STAN TURRINI.

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

Board of Directors Meetings

Are scheduled as follows:

May 17
August 16
November 24

All dates are Sundays, and as usual, the Meetings start at 1:30pm. These Meetings are all held at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Van Ness and Geary, San Francisco. A plea is again made for all and any NCNA Coin Club Members to send a voting Club Delegate.

1987 Dues

Just a one line reminder: Please remit promptly your dues. Thanks.

1987 Coin Show and Exposition

Is scheduled for October 1, 2, 3, and 4, 1987, Thursday through Sunday, the first weekend in October at the Cathedral Hill Hotel. The previously reported dates included September 30th and excluded October 4th; these dates were in error. Any misunderstanding is regretted.

The four day Coin Show and Exposition will feature an hundred-plus table Bourse, Annual Dinner, exhibits, drawing, Educational Events, and more. Admission is FREE.

Ron Miller, NCNA Bourse Coordinator, reports that Bourse Applications have been mailed out, and as this Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales is mailed, over one-fourth of the tables have been sold and reserved.

Much of the 26th Annual NCNA Coin Show and Exposition is still in the planning phase. More will be reported in the numismatic press closer to the actual dates.

NCNAers involved in the preparation of this year's Coin Show and Exposition are: Ron Miller, Bourse; Constance Perham, Security and Dinner; Lillian Hooker, Registration; Edward Sins, Awards, and Stan Turrini, Publicity and Educational Events.

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Two Important Notices

National Coin Week

For 1987 has the theme 'Currency Worth Noting' and will be held

April 19-25, 1987. All local coin clubs are encouraged to work in their local areas to promote this annual event to publicize the coin hobby.

The California Committee for this year's National Coin Week is chaired by Dan Shattuc and includes Virginia Hall, Southern California, and Syd Kass, Northern California. Those seeking information should write to: "Dan Shattuc, National Coin Week, PO Box 70866, Sunnyvale, California, 94086".

Silver Round Collectors

Mike Stanley who is Medals Coordinator for the Vallejo Numismatic Society, San Francisco Coin Club, and Diablo Numismatic Society is in immediate need to account, identify, and verify purchasers of these three coin club medals via the late Lucky Williams. Purchasers who obtained medals from all or any of these three coin clubs through the late Lucky Williams may now order directly from the respected coin club. Please contact Mike Stanley at: "2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 94520".

It is imperative for those wishing to maintain their series to contact Mike Stanley, as Lucky Williams tragic passing has ended his business plus lost his records.

PROOF STRIKES: Special Recognition

Vallejo Numismatic Society Celebrates 400th Meeting

July 1, 1987 will be the 400th Consecutive Meeting of the Vallejo Numismatic Society. Commemoration of this historic milestone Meeting will include refreshments, choice drawing prizes, a free bronze medal to each person in attendance, displays, dealers, and honored and nationally known Ed Rochette, author, columnist, and former ANA official, whose topic will be future trends in the coin hobby; the title of his talk is "What's New Is Old!".

Mr. Rochette states his talk "will weave the past" into the present and review "what the hobby is presently experiencing and we will face in the future".

Admission to the 400th Meeting is FREE. This Meeting will be held at the Veterans' Memorial Building, corner of Alabama and Marin Streets, Vallejo, starting at 7:00pm sharp at July 1st, First Wednesday evening.

A limited mintage one ounce .999 fine silver medal is being minted to commemorate this Meeting. The design includes on the reverse both the first Carquinez Bridge which celebrates its 60th Anniversary this year, 1927-1987, and honors the late Lucky Williams. The price via mail sales advance orders is \$20.00 each. Orders with payment in full

may be directed to: "Mike Stanley, Medals Coordinator, 2107 Gill Drive, Concord, California, 94520". The Vallejo Numismatic Society will strike only one medal this year, 1987, it being for this historic 400th Meeting plus to honor the memory of the beloved Lucky Williams.

POSTED FOR YOUR INFORMATION: Two April 26th Coin Shows

The last Sunday in April will have two conflicting coin shows, one in Reno, Nevada and one in Vallejo, California. Depending on distance and time, all NCNA members are encouraged to attend either:

Third Annual Reno Coin Show

Will be held from 10:00am to 5:00pm at the McKinley Park Recreation Center, corner of Riverside and Keystone Streets, Reno. The program includes a bourse, exhibits, a seven prize raffle, and slide presentation by Edgar D. Fulwider from the San Francisco Assay Office. Your Editor has little more to report on this Coin Show, other than what is announced here. Admission is Free.

15th Annual Vallejo Coin Show

Will be held 9:00am to 5:00pm at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Dan Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. The program includes a multi-event activities of a forty-plus table bourse, displays, a fifteen prize Gold Coin Drawing plus half-hour drawings for silver One Dollar Eagles, Information Table, Youth Table, and the annual Vallejo Coin Show meeting of the reactivated Solano Silver Round Club held inconjunction with G. Lee Kuntz's talk, 'To Sink A Die'. Kuntz, owner of Masterpiece Medallions, is master minter of thousands of medallions and an authority on minting and design of dies. Admission is Free.